Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 23 wherein:

said client includes speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on said series of input speech information.

3. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 23 wherein:

said server includes speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on said series of input speech information received from said client over the network.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 2 wherein:

said speech recognition means includes means for verifying whether or not the speech recognition on said series of input speech information has been made correctly, such that

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means to be made correctly, then said series of input speech information, processed with said speech recognition means, is output, and

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means not to be made correctly,

then speech recognition is performed again to output the ~~series of~~ input speech information

processed with said speech recognition means.

7. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 3 wherein:

said speech recognition means includes means for verifying whether or not the speech

recognition on said ~~series of~~ input speech information has been made correctly, such that

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means to be made correctly, then

said ~~series of~~ input speech information, processed with said speech recognition means, is output,

and

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means not to be made correctly,

then speech recognition is performed again on the ~~series of~~ input speech information received

over the network from said client to output the ~~series of~~ input speech information processed with

said speech recognition means.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The client for a contents selection system according to claim 25,

further comprising:

speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on the ~~series of~~ input speech

information, and transmitting the recognized ~~series of~~ input speech information to the server.

10. (Canceled)

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11. (Currently Amended) The server for a contents selection system according to claim 26, further comprising:

speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on said ~~series of~~ input speech information received from said client over said network.

12-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A contents selection system, comprising:

a <u>portable terminal</u> ~~client~~ configured to ~~successively~~ transmit ~~a series of~~ input speech information to a server over a network, ~~the series of input speech information including previous, current, and subsequent input speech information~~; and

a server configured to receive the ~~successively~~ transmitted ~~series of~~ input speech information from said ~~client~~ <u>portable terminal</u>, and to generate <u>a</u> contents <u>list</u> ~~selection information~~ in response to the ~~series of~~ input speech information,

wherein ~~said server generates the contents selection information for each stage of the transmission of the series of input speech information by calculating the similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between the current input speech information and the contents selection information generated for the previous input speech information, and said server indicating a match when a number of the calculated similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities exceeds a predetermined number, such that the match determines the contents selection information of the subsequent input speech information~~ <u>a first contents list is generated by calculating the similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between first input speech information and category</u>

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information corresponding to the first input speech information of each content in the first

contents list, and if second input speech information is received, then the category information of

at least one content included in the first contents list is used when calculating the similarity.

24. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 23, wherein

the contents ~~selection~~ preparation information includes categories for at least title, performance,

and genre.

25. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal ~~client~~ for a contents selection system, the

portable terminal ~~client~~ comprising:

a transmitter to ~~successively~~ transmit ~~a series of~~ input speech information to a server over

a network, ~~the series of input speech information including previous, current, and subsequent~~

~~input speech information~~; and

a receiver to receive a ~~series of~~ contents list ~~selection information~~ generated by the server

in response to the ~~series of~~ input speech information, ~~the series of contents selection information~~

~~including previous, current, and subsequent contents selection information,~~

wherein ~~the server generates the current contents selection information by calculating the~~

~~similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between the current input speech information and~~

~~the previous contents selection information, and the server indicates a match when a number of~~

~~the calculated similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities exceeds a predetermined number,~~

~~such that the match determines the subsequent input speech information~~ the contents list is

generated by calculating the similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between the input

speech information inputted from the portable terminal and category information corresponding

to the first input speech information of each content in the contents list, and if second input speech information is inputted from the portable terminal, then the category information of at least one content included in the contents list is used when calculating the similarity.

26. (Currently Amended) A server for a contents selection system, the server comprising:

a receiver to ~~successively~~ receive ~~a series~~ input speech information from a portable terminal ~~client~~ over a network~~, the series of input speech information including previous, current, and subsequent input speech information~~; and

a transmitter to transmit a ~~series of~~ contents list ~~selection information~~ generated by the server in response to the ~~series of~~ input speech information, ~~the series of contents selection information including previous, current, and subsequent contents selection information,~~

wherein the server generates a first contents list by calculating the similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between first input speech information and category information corresponding to the first input speech information of each content in the first contents list, and if said server receives second input speech information, then the category information of at least one content included in the first contents list is used when calculating the similarity ~~the current contents selection information by calculating the similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between the current input speech information and the previous contents selection information, and the server indicates a match when a number of the calculated similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities exceeds a predetermined number, such that the match determines the subsequent input speech information.~~

27. (Currently Amended) A contents selection method, comprising:

~~successively~~ transmitting ~~a series of~~ input speech information from a <u>portable terminal</u> ~~client~~ to a server over a network~~, the series of input speech information including previous, current, and subsequent input speech information~~; and

generating <u>a</u> contents <u>list</u> ~~selection information~~ at the server in response to receipt of the ~~series of~~ input speech information,

wherein <u>a first contents list generated by calculating the similarity of acoustic</u> <u>characteristic quantities between first input speech information and category information</u> <u>corresponding to the first input speech information of each content in the first contents list, and if</u> <u>second input speech information is received, then the category information of at least one content</u> <u>included in the first contents list is used when calculating the similarity</u> ~~said server generates the contents selection information for each stage of the transmission of the series of input speech information by calculating the similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between the current input speech information and the contents selection information generated for the previous input speech information, and said server indicating a match when a number of the calculated similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities exceeds a predetermined number, such that the match determines the contents selection information of the subsequent input speech information.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The contents selection method according to claim 27, wherein the contents ~~selection~~ <u>preparation</u> information includes categories for <u>at least</u> title, performance, and genre.

29. (New) The contents selection system according to claim 23,

wherein said server sends the contents list to said portable terminal if the contents list

determined using threshold value.

30. (New) The contents selection system according to claim 23,

wherein said server requests the input speech information associated with a specified

category.

31. (New) The contents selection system according to claim 30,

wherein the first input speech information requested by said server to a user is title

information.

32. (New) The server for a contents selection system according to claim 26,

wherein said server sends the contents list to said portable terminal if the contents list

determined using threshold value.

33. (New) The server for a contents selection system according to claim 26,

wherein said server requests the input speech information associated with a specified

category.

34. (New) The server for a contents selection system according to claim 33,

wherein the first input speech information requested by said server to a user is title

information.